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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1960.

The year under review has been uneventful. A small scale trial of oral poliomyelitis vaccine took place with satisfactory results.

The population now exceeds 12,500 and as will be seen the birth rate is still increasing.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. KIND

Medical Officer of Health

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Area, in acres	2,529	Number of occupied houses ..	3,898
Rateable value on 1st April 1960	£177,530	Number of houses combined with shops	44
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£780	Number of houses owned by the Council	298
Population (mid 1960)	12,510		

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B I R T H S

<u>Live Births</u> :	<u>Legitimate</u>		
	Male	124	
	Female	129	
	Total	230	
	<u>Illegitimate</u>		
	Male	4	
	Female	3	
	Total	7	
	<u>Total Live Births</u>		
	Male	128	
	Female	132	
	Total	260	
<u>Stillbirths</u> :	Male	Nil	
	Female	3	
	Total	3	

D E A T H S

<u>Deaths - all causes</u>		
Male	53	
Female	52	
Total	105	
<u>Deaths from puerperal causes</u> ..	Nil	
<u>Deaths of infants under 1 year of age</u>		
Male	5	
Female	1	
Total	6	
<u>Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age</u>		
Male	5	
Female	1	
Total	6	

Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population

20.8

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population

8.3

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C A U S E S O F D E A T H S

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION							1960		
							M	F	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
11.	" " Bronchus and Lung	..	..	..	..	..	6	-	6
12.	" " Breast	..	..	..	..	..	-	3	3
13.	" " Uterus	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	6
15.	Leukaemia and aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	13
18.	Coronary disease and angina	..	..	..	..	..	18	7	25
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
20.	Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	14
21.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
23.	Pneumonia..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	11
33.	Motor vehicle accidents..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	-	4	4
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes)							53	52	105

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION :

During 1960 the customary immunisation procedure against diphtheria and poliomyelitis was continued successfully. BCG vaccination was offered to school leavers as usual and a good response was received.

The district participated in a trial of oral poliomyelitis vaccine and the small amount of vaccine available was rapidly competed for.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death from tuberculosis during 1960.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one of non-pulmonary disease were notified. Three additional cases came to live within the district.

At the close of the year thirty-seven cases of pulmonary and ten cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows : -

Whooping Cough	..	..	3
Measles	..	..	7
Food Poisoning	..	..	3
Dysentery	..	..	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	1
Erysipelas	..	..	1

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. J.G. Davies, Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area : -

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 3,913 houses with an estimated population of 12,897 have an internal supply.

A further 19 houses have access to this supply and cater for 62 people.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. The houses in the district are served by 3,920 water closets, leaving 7 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

26 cesspools are in use, 1 having been constructed during the year, whilst 1 was abolished. Cesspools are emptied every two months.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and 15 disposed of by controlled tipping.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA :

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Premises concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	84
Defects or nuisances dealt with	..	..	..	..	..	..	96
Total number of Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	1725

Nature of Inspections

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drainage works	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	..	..	..	..	..	..	329
Food poisoning enquiries	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Infectious disease enquiries	..	..	..	..	..	..	279
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	580
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	206
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
Slaughterhouse and meat inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	217
Smoke control	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Factories and workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	44

Notices issued

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1960	Nil	1
Issued during 1960	Nil	15
Complied with during 1960	Nil	13
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December 1960	Nil	3

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Camping Sites

There are no such sites in this area.

Verminous Premises

No infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A full time rodent operator is employed. The refuse tip and sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service is offered to the public.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Rag, Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises are involved in the operation of these Acts.

Shop Acts, 1950

No action under Section 38 of this Act was taken during the year.

Swimming Bath

Thirteen inspections were made and samples of water were taken. These proved to be unsatisfactory. The filtration and chlorination plant is in continuous use, but the filter media was scheduled for replacement during the close season.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

Premises involved in the operation of the Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Defects found	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of Outworks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	23
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	59
Informal notices served	..	..	..	..	..	2
Informal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	2

ICE CREAM

Twenty premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Only two distributors are registered. One inspection was made and no contravention was found.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949 and

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Licences issued under the above-named Regulations : -

			<u>Dealers</u>		<u>Supplementary</u>
Pasteurised	...	...	4	...	5
Sterilised	...	...	4	...	5

MILK SAMPLING

No milk sampling was carried out.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area	...	...	...	...	3
Animals slaughtered therein	...	...	...	...	1568
Animals examined at time of slaughter	...	...	...	...	1568
Visits made for this purpose	...	...	...	...	208
Number of Meat Stores in the area	...	...	...	...	9
Inspections made	...	...	...	...	9

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	232	-	-	1219	117
Number inspected	232	-	-	1219	117
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	18	-	-	-	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	12.8	-	-	.08	1.7
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

H O U S I N G

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	32
Number of inspections made for the purpose		329
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		27

CLEARANCE AREAS

Number of unfit houses demolished		Nil
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REPAIRS

Number of unfit houses made fit -

(i) after informal action		7
(ii) after formal action under the Public Health Act		6

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Two improvement grants under the Housing Act, 1949 were sought. One application was allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works.

Eight applications were received for standard grants under the House Purchasing and Housing Act, 1959. Five of the properties concerned were improved during the year.

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NEW HOUSES : -

Number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year		39
Local Authority houses completed during the year	..	1
Local Authority houses under construction at the end of the year		4
Private enterprise houses completed during the year		275
Private enterprise houses under construction at the end of the year		185
Total number of post war houses completed by		
(a) Local Authority		251
(b) Private enterprise		2113

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